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Philly voters stream to the polls to put an end to a bitter, but closer than expected presidential campaign. 2

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ELECTION 2016

Philly voters choose Clinton while Trump shocks in several key states

Clinton held a slight lead statewide while the tally continued into the night.

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Donald Trump holds a rally at the DoubleTree by Hilton- Pennsylvania. GETTY IMAGES

Hillary Clinton at her rally at the Independence Mall GETTY IMAGES

It's over.

More than a year after Hillary Clinton announced in a YouTube video that "I'm running for president" and Donald Trump announced his run with a blistering speech targeting some Mexicans as rapists and murderer, the nation Tuesday selected its next commander-in-chief after a bruising, anxiety-ridden campaign.

At press time, the race remained too close to call. While Philadelphia strongly went for Clinton, the rest of the state, as well as Michigan, Wisconsin and other critical states, were still toss-ups.

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But what was clear was the determination Americans showed to vote in this historic election: waiting in long lines and confronting none of the violence or chaos some feared during one of the ugliest presidential campaigns in recent memory.

Philadelphia voters expressed the deep divide of the country as they cast their ballots for two of the most unpopular presidential candidates in recent memory.

In heavily Democratic Philadelphia, where Clinton the night before hosted a star-studded rally that attracted more than 40,000, some voters were tossing in for Trump, including JoAnne Roberts, 63, of Fishtown.

"I could spit on her," Roberts said of Clinton. She brought up Benghazi and foreign policy as reasons for her stance.

Meanwhile, hundreds of Temple students waited in line for hours to cast their votes near the school's campus. For many of them, it was the first presidential election of their lives.

"It's been kind of crazy!" said Temple student Brittany Whelan, 18, who voted for Hillary. "The outcome is going to make a big difference."

She said she has supported Clinton since the primaries.

"I'm a big fan of Hillary," she said. "I know there's been scandals, but I think she's going to go in there and do some good. I trust her."

Throughout much of the campaign, Clinton's lead hovered between slim and sizable in most polls and she seemed destined to cruise to victory. Then 11 days before the election, FBI Director James Comey revealed the agency was revisiting their investigation into Clinton's handling of classified emails, after discovering a trove of emails in a computer used by disgraced former congressman Anthony Weiner, who was under a sexting investigation.

In the wake of that news, Clinton's poll numbers started to soften and only started to recover when Comey on Sunday declared there was no evidence of wrongdoing.

Many voters said they just wanted the race to end.

"I'm getting tired of Trump running his mouth," said Robert Ryan, 69, who voted for Clinton near 12th Street and Lehigh Avenue.

"He just picks on Hillary. He talks about her like a dog. Have some kind of respect! You don't talk about people like that," Ryan said. "Darn near everything that came out of Donald Trump's mouth was a racist remark."

"Whether it's Clinton or Trump, I want to see that person bring 100,000 Muslims, African-Americans, Hispanics, Jews, everybody, to Central Park to plant seeds of hope, and weed out hate."

Mark Daniel

During his campaign, Trump promised to make Mexico pay for a wall to keep out illegal aliens, to establish tougher immigration rules that would largely keep out Muslims and had won the endorsements of white nationalists.

Trump's harsh criticism of trade deals found a ready audience with blue-collar and rural voters who felt left behind in the economy.

After casting their ballots, voters throughout the nation looked to a future with a combination of hope and anxiety.

"The winner will be challenged to bring America together," said Mark Daniel, outside Trump Tower, where a handful of dump trucks were parked to keep protestors at bay. "Whether it's Clinton or Trump, I want to see that person bring 100,000 Muslims, African Americans, Hispanics, Jews, everybody, to Central Park to plant seeds of hope, and weed out hate,"

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BRIEFS

Boyfriend charged with stabbing grandmother, toddler

A woman and her 2-year-old grandson were being treated for serious wounds at area hospitals Tuesday after being stabbed in a West Philadelphia home, according to police.

The 43-year-old woman and the toddler were attacked Monday night at a residence on the 700 block of North Preston Street, investigators said. The attacker stabbed the woman in the shoulder and the boy in the head.

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When officers arrived, they found the woman outside the house with a knife blade protruding from her left shoulder, the Inquirer reported.

The woman was taken to Penn Presbyterian Hospital and the toddler was taken to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Both were said to be in critical condition at the time.

Police captured a 26-year-old man in connection with the attack and charged him with assault, simple assault, reckless endangerment and resisting arrest, officials said. Police recovered a weapon believed to have been used in the attack.

The suspect, who police said was once the woman's boyfriend, sustained cuts to his arms and hands while breaking through a window to escape capture.

The suspect's identity hasn't been disclosed by police.

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Police ID suspect in Clinton campaign car break-in

Police on Monday identified the man charged with breaking into a car and stealing three laptops from a parked SUV that was later identified as a vehicle used by Hillary Clinton's campaign staff.

The SUV was parked near I-95 on Brown Street in the Northern Liberties neighborhood, an area plagued by property theft.

Christopher Colon, 27, of the 500 block of Diamond Street, was accused of breaking into the 2016 Buick Enclave on Friday evening and stealing three backpacks containing three MacBook Pros and various other items.

Four campaign staffers had parked the car around 8 p.m. while they went to get food at a nearby restaurant. They returned to find the windows smashed around 9:15 p.m.

"This was a random theft from auto, and Colon had no indication who the complainants were or that they were affiliated with any campaign work," police said in a news release.

However, federal authorities were notified about the incident.

"The computers may have contained scheduling information surrounding the Hillary Clinton Presidential Campaign due to the fact that the complainants are working for the campaign," police said. "Based on that information, the Secret Service and Department of Homeland Security were notified as standard procedure and work with Philadelphia police as needed throughout the investigation."

A source familiar with the investigation said all the laptops were remotely wiped after the theft and no security breach into confidential information occurred.

After "thorough investigative work," police said, they identified Colon, "who has a lengthy criminal history." He was charged with criminal mischief and theft.

SAM NEWHOUSE

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1. What singers performed at a Clinton campaign event at Independence Mall on the eve of Election Day?

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BRIEF

U.S. justices could allow Miami to sue banks over lending bias

The Supreme Court on Tuesday indicated it could allow the city of Miami to pursue lawsuits accusing major banks of predatory mortgage lending to black and Hispanic home buyers resulting in loan defaults that drove down city tax revenues and property values.

The eight justices heard arguments in appeals filed by Bank of America Corp. and Wells Fargo & Co. challenging a lower court's decision to permit the lawsuits by the Florida city against the banks. The cases were filed under the Fair Housing Act, a federal law outlawing discrimination in housing.

In September 2015, the Atlanta-based 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned a lower court's decision to dismiss such lawsuits by the city against Bank of America, Wells Fargo and Citigroup Inc. Citigroup decided not to appeal to the Supreme Court. If the court splits 4-4, the 11th Circuit ruling would stand and Miami would prevail, but no national precedent would be set.

Based on the questions asked by the justices, it appeared unlikely the banks would gain the five votes needed to win the case outright. But it was possible that a ruling for Miami could allow the lawsuits to move forward while narrowing the scope of the cases and potentially lowering the amount of damages the city could win.

Chief Justice John Roberts seemed most skeptical of the city's lawsuit, at one point questioning whether a loss of property taxes could count as a direct injury that could give rise to a lawsuit. Roberts said the city's alleged injuries are "derivative of the injury to the homeowners who had the subprime mortgages and who suffered the foreclosure and so on." REUTERS

The Pulse Nightclub on June 21, 2016, in Orlando, Florida. GETTY IMAGES

Orlando could make Pulse club a memorial to massacre victims

The city of Orlando, Florida, may buy the Pulse nightclub where 49 people were killed in June, and officials hope to turn it into a memorial to the victims of the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history, the city's mayor said on Tuesday.

Members of Orlando's City Council are due to vote on Monday on whether to approve an agreement between the city and Pulse's owner to purchase the dance club for $2.25 million.

"This location is now a permanent part of Orlando's history. It's the site of the most tragic event that has ever occurred in the city," Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer said in a statement.

"With the city owning the property, we can engage in a public process to determine the future of the Pulse property and building," Dyer said.

Omar Mateen, a 29-year-old claiming allegiance to the Islamic State militant group, opened fire inside Pulse on June 12 before being killed by police after a three-hour standoff. Fifty-three people were also wounded.

If the council votes to approve the purchase, city officials will begin assessing their options before the sale closes on Dec. 30, according to Dyer's statement.

Dyer said in a separate video posted on the city's website on Tuesday that local officials do not know yet exactly what type of memorial will be created.

"We do know we want to maintain it as is for a period of time, 12 to 18 months, so that people from around the country and world who want to visit the site can do so," Dyer said. REUTERS

"With the city owning the property, we can engage in a public process to determine the future of the Pulse property and building."

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Nevada judge rejects Trump request for order over early voting

A legal observer with the ACLU of Nevada stands at the entrance to the polling location at Jim Bridger Middle School as voters arrive to cast their ballots in North Las Vegas on Election Day. GETTY IMAGES

The suit had asked the court to order officials to preserve various records from the Cardenas Market and to segregate ballots from the voting machines at issue.

A Nevada judge on Tuesday rejected Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump's request for records from a Las Vegas polling place that the campaign said had allowed people to vote after a deadline last week.

Nevada state law says voters who are in line at 8 p.m., when the polls close, must be allowed to cast their ballots. Trump's lawsuit, filed in a Nevada state court on Monday, said election officials violated state law because they allowed people to join the line after 8 p.m. at a polling location at a Latino market during last week's early voting period.

Trump, a New York businessman and reality TV personality who had never previously run for political office, said last month that he might not accept the outcome of the national election if he thinks it is unfair.

"Today may be the last time that ordinary citizens are able to stand up and say no to an overreaching, unaccountable government controlled by a ruling establishment," Charles Munoz, the Nevada state director for Trump's campaign, said in a statement after the ruling.

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At a court hearing in Las Vegas on Tuesday, a county attorney argued that election officials already preserve records. Sturman agreed, saying she did not want to issue an order that could help reveal which candidates were chosen by particular voters.

The Trump campaign also asked for information about poll workers on duty at the market, and Sturman said she was concerned they might face threats for helping people vote.

"Have you watched Twitter? Do you watch any cable news shows? People can get information and harass them," the judge said.

Clinton spokesman Glen Caplin said the campaign was pleased by the ruling. He described Trump's suit as "a desperate response to the record turnout we're seeing in Nevada and across the country."

Dan Kulin, a spokesman for the Clark County Office of Public Communications, said that when early voting was taking place on Friday "most if not all" polling places had lines at the time they were scheduled to close.

"As has been our practice for many, many years, those early voting locations continued processing voters until the lines were gone," Kulin said.

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BRIEF

Walgreens sues Theranos for breach of contract, seeks $140 million

Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc. sued Theranos Inc. on Tuesday, seeking $140 million in damages while accusing its onetime lab-testing partner of breaching a contract, according to court records.

The company's Walgreen Co. unit filed the lawsuit in federal court in Wilmington, Delaware, five months after the drugstore chain announced it was ending its relationship with Theranos.

Details of the lawsuit were unclear, as Walgreens filed it under seal, citing a confidentiality agreement between the two companies. A Walgreens spokesman declined to comment.

In a statement, Theranos said it was "disappointed" Walgreens filed the lawsuit. Theranos claimed Walgreens has "consistently failed to meet its commitments to Theranos" and mishandled the companies' partnership.

"We will respond vigorously to Walgreens' unfounded allegations, and will seek to hold Walgreens responsible for the damage it has caused to Theranos and its investors," Theranos said.

Theranos was founded by CEO Elizabeth Holmes in 2003 to develop a blood-testing device that would deliver quicker results using only a drop of blood.

The Palo Alto, California-based company ran into trouble after the Wall Street Journal published a series of articles beginning in October 2015 suggesting its blood-testing devices were flawed and inaccurate.

In June, Walgreens announced that it was terminating its relationship with Theranos and closing operations at 40 blood-draw sites that the Silicon Valley company ran in Arizona at Walgreens' stores. REUTERS

Dylann Roof LEXINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT VIA GETTY IMAGES

SC church shooter's trial delayed over competency issue

U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel also postponed jury selection from this week until Nov. 21 to allow time for the competency issue to be settled.

A federal judge on Tuesday said he had ordered an evaluation into whether accused white supremacist Dylann Roof was competent to stand trial for the fatal shootings of nine people at a historic black church in Charleston, South Carolina, last year.

"The Court is mindful that this delay in jury selection may be disappointing to some, but it is the Court's duty to conduct a fair trial and follow procedures which protect the legal rights of the defendant," Gergel said in a one-page order.

Gergel said he would rule on the competency of the 22-year-old Roof to stand trial by Nov. 18, following a hearing on the matter.

Roof's lead defense attorney, David Bruck, declined to comment in an email to Reuters. Federal prosecutors and a lawyer for Roof's family could not immediately be reached.

The final stage of jury selection had been set to begin on Monday at the U.S. courthouse in Charleston. But Gergel unexpectedly halted proceedings to hold a closed-door hearing with Roof and his lawyers.

Roof, who is accused of holding white supremacist views, faces 33 federal counts of hate crimes, obstruction of religion and using a firearm in a violent crime after he opened fire during a Bible study session at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in June 2015.

Federal prosecutors are seeking the death penalty. Roof has offered to plead guilty if that potential punishment was dropped, court filings show.

He also faces the death sentence in a state murder trial scheduled for next year.

Prosecutors say Roof planned the attack for months, singling out victims who were black and elderly. At the federal trial, they plan to present racist manifestos they say he wrote seeking to incite a race war. REUTERS

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One dead, at least three wounded near California polling place

The suspect was believed to be holed up in the vicinity, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department said.

One person was killed and at least three wounded in gunfire on Tuesday near a polling station in the Southern California town of Azusa, prompting authorities to lock down the polling place, a surrounding park and adjacent schools, police said.

There was no immediate indication that the incident was related to Election Day or the polling station, said Deputy Vincent Plair, a spokesman for sheriff's department.

But the Los Angeles County Registrar and Recorder's office issued a Twitter advisory urging voters to avoid the area around two polling locations, one in Memorial Park and one in Dalton Elementary School, and to cast their ballots at alternate polling sites. Nearby Slauson Middle School was also placed on lockdown.

A dispatcher answering phones at a nearby fire station that also was serving as a polling place said that location remained opened to voters.

Law enforcement officers came under fire and were initially pinned down as they arrived on the scene, about 25 miles northeast of Los Angeles, according to accounts from Azusa police and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office.

Police vehicles respond to the shooting scene. MARCO SOTO/TWITTER

Police initially said two to three people, all civilians, were struck by gunfire around 2 p.m. local time (2200 GMT), though their conditions were not immediately known. A sheriff's sergeant said later that four people had been wounded.

The Azusa Police Department subsequently posted a Twitter message saying that one person had been killed, two were taken to hospitals in critical condition and there was "one additional down near primary residence." REUTERS

BRIEF

Energy Transfer says not slowing construction of North Dakota pipeline

Energy Transfer Partners LP on Tuesday said it was not slowing down construction of an oil pipeline in North Dakota that is contested by environmentalists and Native Americans groups.

The owners of the Dakota Access Pipeline on Tuesday said it was moving equipment to prepare for tunneling under Lake Oahe, the water source that has been a focus of protests, even as federal regulators have not given a go-ahead signal that the line will be able to proceed.

Army Corps spokesman Thomas O'Hara told Bloomberg News on Monday that the company had agreed to slow down construction, a statement Energy Transfer refuted.

"The statement released last night by the Army Corps was a mistake and the Army Corps intends to rescind it," Energy Transfer said in a statement released on Tuesday. "To be clear, Dakota Access Pipeline has not voluntarily agreed to halt construction of the pipeline in North Dakota."

The Army Corps of Engineers did not immediately respond to a request for comment. REUTERS

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Albertine Reid leaves the booth after voting at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Charter School For Science and Technology in the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans, Louisiana.

People line up to vote in the 2016 election at the Boston Public Library in Boston.

Michael Regan, right, votes with his dog named Bean at Old First Reformed Church in Philadelphia.

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India abolishes larger banknotes in fight against graft, 'black money'

The surprise move was designed to bring billions of dollars worth of cash in unaccounted wealth into the mainstream economy, as well as hit the finances of militants who target India and are suspected of using fake 500 rupee notes to fund operations.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday announced that 500 and 1,000 rupee banknotes would be withdrawn from circulation at midnight to crack down on rampant corruption and counterfeit currency.

"Black money and corruption are the biggest obstacles in eradicating poverty," Modi said in a hastily convened address to the nation after a cabinet meeting.

Nearly 40 percent of India's economy is driven by small- and medium-sized enterprises that largely run on cash transactions. Economists said the move could impact these businesses, and in turn have a knock-on effect on economic growth.

There was concern among members of the public about changing larger denomination banknotes for new ones once they expired.

Around a dozen people lined up to use an ICICI cash deposit machine in suburban Mumbai soon after the announcement, trying to deposit bundles of 500 and 1,000 rupee notes.

The machine stopped working after 10 minutes. Only two customers managed to deposit their money, and a security guard informed the rest that the cash dispenser has reached its limit and would not accept any more.

An Indian man holds a 1000 rupee note. GETTY IMAGES

Delhi taxi driver Anu Choudhury said his boss called to say he should not accept 500 or 1,000 rupee notes from customers.

Modi's ruling Bharatiya Janata Party came into power in 2014 promising to bring black market money into the regular financial system, but critics said it had failed, with government data showing the cash economy outpacing the formal economy.

A report by Washington, D.C.-based think tank Global Financial Integrity estimated that India lost $344 billion in illicit fund outflows between 2002 and 2011.

> *"This is not a good step for business. The prime minister did not think about people like us."*
> Anu Choudhury

The finance ministry said India would introduce new banknotes of 500 and 2,000 rupees from Nov. 10. The old notes can be deposited in banks and post offices from Nov. 10 to Dec. 30. All cash machines will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday.

The head of the Reserve Bank of India, Urjit Patel, said he saw no impact on liquidity in the wholesale market and that the bank had ramped up production of the new series of notes over the last few months.

Modi said militants operating against India were using fake versions of the 500 rupee note, worth about $7.50 at current exchange rates.

"Terrorism is a frightening thing … But have you ever thought about how these terrorists get their money? Enemies from across the border have run their operations using fake currency notes. This has been going on for years," Modi said.

India accuses its neighbor Pakistan of harboring militants who have launched attacks on its troops, particularly in the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir which both countries claim. Pakistan denies the accusations. REUTERS

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Former US intelligence official sentenced to prison for child porn

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A former U.S. intelligence official was sentenced on Tuesday to 20 years in prison for producing child pornography following his guilty plea to the charge in August, prosecutors said on Tuesday.

Army Lt. Col. Steven Frederiksen, 42, of Stafford, Virginia, was also sentenced in U.S. District Court to 20 years of supervised release for luring four girls ages 14 to 17 into producing pornography through social media and messaging applications on his government-issued computer, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia said in a statement.

Frederiksen, an employee of the Defense Intelligence Agency, tried to do the same thing with two other underage girls. He also possessed more images of child pornography and swapped child pornography with people online, the statement said.

Frederiksen pleaded guilty in August to producing child pornography and attempted coercion and enticement of a minor. He is a graduate of the West Point U.S. Military Academy, holds a master's degree in nuclear physics and is the father of three children. REUTERS

BRIEF

Ireland to formally submit appeal on Apple case this week

Ireland's government will this week formally submit its appeal against the European Commission's multibillion-euro demand for back taxes from Apple, Finance Minister Michael Noonan said on Tuesday.

Ireland's cabinet agreed in September to join the iPhone maker in appealing the Commission's order that the U.S. tech giant pay up to 13 billion euros to Dublin after ruling the firm had received illegal state aid.

Dublin is seeking to protect a tax regime that has attracted many multinational employers. The European Commission decision has also angered Washington, which accuses it of trying to grab tax revenue that should go to the United States.

"The government fundamentally disagrees with the European Commission's analysis and the decision left no choice but to take an appeal to the European Courts and this will be submitted tomorrow," Noonan told a European Parliament committee in Brussels. REUTERS

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Prince Harry defends Meghan Markle

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If you had any doubts about Prince Harry and Meghan Markle dating, you can put them to rest. It's official ... formal-statement-released-by-the-communications-secretary-of-Prince-Harry official. Unfortunately, confirmation of his and Meghan's relationship came in the form of a plea to British media outlets to give the 35-year-old actress a break.

The couple have been dating since June, and Prince Harry went to visit her in Toronto last month. But in the uncharacteristic statement, Prince Harry says his new boo "has been subject to a wave of abuse and harassment."

According to the price coverage of Meghan, who is half-African-American, has been laced with "racial undertones" in addition to "outright sexism and racism" on social media. Meghan's friends, family and coworkers have also been targets of the media storm. Harry wants the press to "pause and reflect before any further damage is done."

While Prince Harry is on a full-out mission to defend his girlfriend, we can't even get a text back.

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Is Brangelina's custody battle over?

Ever since the couple formerly known as Brangelina filed for divorce in September, there hasn't been a mug big enough to hold all of the tea that has come forth surrounding the Hollywood power couple. With child-abuse allegations against Brad Pitt, mandatory drug tests and the ongoing custody-battle details, it's honestly been hard to keep up with all the information.

We've sorted through this mess and looked to the most reliable source, TMZ, of course, to get our facts straight. Some people seem to think Brad and Angelina have reached a custody settlement — but this isn't true. While Angelina wants full custody of the kids, Brad filed for joint physical and legal custody Friday. In the meantime, a temporary arrangement that grants Angelina primary custody and Brad monitored visitation has been extended while they figure it out.

Apparently there are some problems money can't fix. Not sure if that makes us feel better or worse.

Kylie Jenner is opening Kylie Cosmetics 'soon'

Kylie Jenner's makeup game is always on point, but getting her look has been almost impossible.

Her online-only Kylie Cosmetics brand has been a huge success since launching in 2015, especially her famous lip liner/lipstick duo Lip Kits that sell out immediately. One time they even broke the internet, and not in a good way, after her site accidently leaked customers' information.

Kylie is trying to cut down on these technological hiccups by opening her first Kylie Cosmetics store. She was scouting locations this summer and seems to have settled on one, according to her latest Instagram snaps showing a team doing some serious planning in an unfinished space.

There are no details yet about where it will be or an opening date, but you'll want to start your Black Friday full-contact-shopping training early to have a chance at a real-life Lip Kit.

Taylor Swift throws Lorde a bday bash

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Lorde has officially kissed her teens goodbye. The "Royals" singer turned 20 on Monday and shared an intimate message on her Facebook about what this important birthday means to her. "If I'm being real with myself, in some ways I stopped feeling like a teenager a while ago… Some time in the last year or so, part of me crossed over."

But her good friend Taylor Swift made sure she crossed over in style, throwing the native New Zealander an intimate party at ZZ's Clam Bar in New York City, according to TMZ. Lena Dunham, Karlie Kloss and Aziz Ansari were also in attendance for the festivities. Tay-Tay posted a cute birthday message to Lorde, real name Ella Marija Lani Yelich-O'Connor, before they both flooded Instagram with snaps of the festivities. We're not jealous or anything.

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'BOB ROBERTS'

Remember when broadly satirical movies about politicians seemed far-fetched? Anyway, Tim Robbins' "Bob Roberts" now streams. PROVIDED

To the list of monstrous movie politicians who now seem desirable compared to Trump, add the conservative singer-turned-politician of Tim Robbins' directorial debut. In 1992 it was the stuff of crazy fiction: A mockumentary that trailed a famous face who got a bug up his butt and decided to run for office. (It was only a Senate seat, but still.) He exploited populist fears, embellished the country's hardships. He even hosted a "Saturday Night Live" stand-in. (The one difference: certain cast members actually boycotted it.) He played dirty and poisoned the public discourse. And as with most far-fetched satirical fiction, we all thought it was too ridiculous to happen for real. Boy, would we settle for a folk-singing pol who sang right-wing songs now.

'GROSSE POINTE BLANK'

John Cusack has a bit part in "Bob Roberts," alongside friend and frequent co-star Tim Robbins. But for some pure, uncut Cusack, turn to one of his finest hours. In a film he also co-wrote — though, given his eternally poor spelling over Twitter, just imagine the clean-up job — Cusack plays a hitman who returns home for his high school reunion. Looser and funkier than most post-Tarantino jobs, it also contains one of the great romantic pair-ups of the '90s: John Cusack and Minnie Driver, the latter as the high school sweetheart whose heart he broke. Feisty and alert, Driver all but steals the show, even turning the token third-act screaming fit into pure comedy gold.

We'd like to nominate Minnie Driver and John Cusack from "Grosse Pointe Blank" to the pantheon of screen couples. UNIVERSAL PICTURES

'BLACK BOOK'

"Game of Thrones'" Carice van Houten kicks some butt as a Jewish spy during World War II in Paul Verhoeven's "Black Book." SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

Hollywood has long had a habit of plucking talented filmmakers from Europe and installing them in the system. Many of them flail. Paul Verhoeven thrived. Starting with "RoboCop," the Dutch director was the multiplexes' most subversive saboteur, cranking out grisly, garish entertainments like "Total Recall," "Basic Instinct" and, yes, "Showgirls" that cheekily undermined American mores. Someone this enjoyably rancid couldn't get away with it forever, but it's still a tragedy that the new French film "Elle" is Verhoeven's first feature since this Dutch World War II thriller from 2006. But now you an stream "Black Book," a World War II romp done his way. "Game of Thrones'" Carice van Houten plays a resistance spy who infiltrates a Nazi ring, only to fall for one of their higher-ups (Sebastian Koch). As usual, the world is a moral murk, and we even get a scene where our brunette hero gets so extensive about going blonde that we see her dye her pubes. Oh, Verhoeven: Never change.

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In "Moonlight," now in theaters, Andre Holland, left, appears in the third part, playing an old acquaintance of our troubled lead character (Trevante Rhodes).
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Andre Holland of "Moonlight" says we too rarely see black people thinking in movies.

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On Steven Soderbergh's show "The Knick," Andre Holland gave a star-making performance: He played Dr. Algernon Edwards, a brilliant black surgeon who fights racism in the early 1900s. Sure enough, he's equally excellent in a small but crucial role in "Moonlight." Unfolding over three time periods, Barry Jenkins' acclaimed drama follows Chiron, a black boy from a low-income Miami neighborhood who grows into a hard adult. Holland pops up in the last part, playing Kevin, Chiron's old friend, with whom he had an intimate experience as a teen. They reunite over a long tense yet hopeful scene.

It's not common enough to see these exact two people on movie screens.

It's rare that you get to see black people on-screen thinking. [Laughs] Just thinking, having a psychological experience. Usually it's the friend of the guy or he tells you where the star went. "Hey, guys, Tom Cruise went that way!" [Laughs] But in this movie, the camera just sits with these guys, thinking their way through a situation, feeling their way through it. That humanizes them.

There's a lot of complexity to Kevin, especially considering how much he changes over the film.

He's so complicated. I kept thinking, "What is he trying to do? What is it that he wants?" For an actor, that's the question you have to know. What I like about him is he understands so much; he's come to understand a lot. Particularly this idea of masculinity. He's performing what it is to be a man: sleeping with a lot of women, talking a lot of s—, being a tough guy. Somewhere between story two and story three, he's changed entirely. He's no longer doing that. He's become a father. He acknowledges that there's something unfinished between he and Chiron. And he has the courage to pick up the phone and make the call. Especially for a black man, where he grew up, to come to that understanding is pretty fascinating.

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That seems rare for anyone.

In my own life, I don't have many examples of people who've been able to do that. You get an idea of who you are, especially if you don't have a father to show you what it is to be a man. You get that idea and you stick with it. It becomes about survival. That's what happened between these two kids. Chiron retreats inside himself. He wears his mask, he puts in his teeth, his bulked up his body — all these things to protect him. On the other side you have Kevin, who puts on this air of "I'm cool, everything is good, I don't have any problems." But they're both doing the same thing: trying to avoid dealing with the thing itself.

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Caity Lotz returns with the second season of 'Legends of Tomorrow'

The actress' martial arts training has come in handy.

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Caity Lotz, who plays Sara Lance, aka Black Canary, in DC's "Legends of Tomorrow," chatted about her physical preparation to develop the character and what surprises await us in this second season of the series, which premiered Oct. 13 and airs every Thursday at 8 p.m. on the CW.

Caity Lotz in "Legends of Tomorrow"
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Your character has many action scenes. How intense was training for the fights?
I had been training in Filipino martial arts since before the program; thanks to that, it is much easier for me when they teach me the choreography, because I say, "OK, I know how to do this." Together we can learn quickly, which is good because we do not have to do too many takes.

How will Sara's fighting style in Season 2 change?
For now, it will not change. One of the things I wanted to try this season was to give more personality to the fights, I wanted for Sara to get hurt, to not seem so invincible. I wanted to get hit and you get tired, I think that would be a new and fun way to give some humor to the fights too, but overall I like the way she fights, so I hope the style stays.

How will Sara react to the arrival of the Justice Society of America?
She will not be a part of it, she will be like, "Who are these people, this team of know-it-alls?" I think she will find them annoying, because compared to them, we are like a group of rejects; we are definitely not like them.

What is going through Sara's mind at the beginning of the second season?
The death duel continues in this new season; Sara has not yet overcome it. I do not know how long it is going to last, but I really want it to be a driving force to continue throughout the season.

At the end of last season, Sara also became very close to Leonard Snart (Captain Cold, played by Wentworth Miller). Will she also feel that loss?
Yes, everyone she loves dies. We have not dealt with that yet. Sara and Snart were my favorite, and I was very sad that it had to end. I miss that relationship and feel that they were a very interesting couple.

Did you know that their relationship was going to develop that way when you started working on the show?
No, it's something that happened organically between Wentworth and I. I remember him saying, "I'm going to relax and be very flirty, if that's OK with you," and I said, "Sure, OK." Then he started playing with cards during the scene and we both said "OK, we're going to sit on the floor and play gin," and everyone else said, "OK, OK." I think that's why people liked it, because it was something that grew naturally and unforced. The writers did not say, "You have to do this." It just happened, and it was very real.

Is there any chance that Captain Cold will return to "Legends of Tomorrow"?
I mean, after all, it is a show that travels through time. … I hope that happens. I know they announced that Wentworth will return in some way, so I would like to see more of them together. They are a very interesting combination, so I would love to see more scenes of them together. Yes, it would be fun.

Do you know anything about the possibility of Sara having a girlfriend in Season 2?
So far, Sara is being a bit of a Casanova. I think it's fair to say that she has a little romance in her life, but I do not know how deep it is.

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Between The Naked and Famous' 2010 runaway hit "Passive Me, Aggressive You" and 2013's "In Rolling Waves," the New Zealand synth-pop band found themselves permanently relocated to America, attempting to keep up with their success. Amid a breather, the now L.A.-based electronic group eventually hit a turning point, following the amicable breakup of guitarist/vocalist/producer Thom Powers and vocalist Alisa Xayalith, who had been dating the eight years prior. The result is the twinkling synth-heavy "Simple Forms," their intimately revealing third studio release that dropped in October from Somewhat Damaged.

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Powers calls from the road to discuss their California transition and how the band prepared to discuss the very personal topics on the record.

You've been in the states for a while now. Are you still identifying as being a New Zealand band?

We moved here in 2012, and being an American band is exciting for us, but it's funny because I like being an alien. Like a New Zealander in America. I like being removed culturally. It's like a bonus or a handicap.

Is there a big difference between being characterized as a New Zealand band versus one from the states?

We have this thing [in New Zealand] called tall poppy syndrome. Poppies grow in a uniform line — and if one of them rises up among the rest, you have to chop them down. It's a New Zealand/Australian thing, and I think the English have it a bit as well. Anyone who is successful gets torn down quickly. The belief in yourself as an artist isn't a trait, as a culture. We're self-deprecating and our culture supports that. So maybe being an American band is exciting for us.

You've been quiet on your personal lives before now, but given the experience's influence on the release, it puts you and Alisa's former romance in the clear for questioning in a way. Has that been difficult for you?

We sat down and had a good conversation before we did the album. We had been very private up until this point, and The Naked and Famous was almost aggressively against anything personal being on the table. This is different for us, and it's refreshing. I don't think people care that much when you're not being an idiot — like that version of a reality star, where people say humiliating things. People aren't as interested when you don't want to undermine a friendship and relationships. So it's not a problem when people ask us.

We don't speak about each other in a way that's other than admiration and stability. Clearly something this personal feels like a sacred topic, but here we are and we're OK. It's definitely difficult. But I hope people see it as something quite constructive and a sane message to send to a world that's so hostile and aggravated.

The Naked and Famous began to work on "Simple Forms" in 2015 in L.A. SAMANTHA WEST

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A scene from "Extra School," one the FirstGlance Film Festival entries. PROVIDED

Philadelphia doesn't find itself in the conversation about film much, but the FirstGlance Film Festival continues to spread the word that Philadelphia has a wide breadth of talent that deserves attention. FirstGlance, one of the most revered national independent film festivals, marks its 19th run when it comes home Nov. 11-13 at the Painted Bride Art Center.

FirstGlance debuted in 1996 in Philadelphia. Since then, it has expanded to hosting two festivals a year, premiering a schedule of films in both Los Angeles in the spring and Philadelphia in the fall. With over 35 film festivals produced, 2,000 films screened and over 150,000 attendants, FirstGlance rolls along to help build momentum in the Philadelphia film community.

Bill Ostroff, the founder and director of the FirstGlance Film Festival, is a proud Temple University alumnus. Speaking with him in an interview, Ostroff noted that the festival was founded by Temple alumni "that had a dream to create a little indie film fest, and now 20 years later we are growing into one of the indie fests with the best reputation in the country." As a filmmaker himself, he expressed the value and importance of filmmaking from the local level to the international level, stating, "Creating truly indie films is a labor of love. We empower local filmmakers and bring together the Philadelphia indie film community from students to professionals every year."

FirstGlance is an opportunity for not only movie lovers who appreciate independent film, but is a chance for filmmakers in Philadelphia to share their hard work, meet and connect with other filmmakers, and become acquainted with new perspectives in narrative. Veteran and first-time filmmakers will be competing in this year's festival, contributing movies that both challenge and entertain audiences. The bill includes psychological and supernatural thrillers, romantic comedies, dramas and documentaries. Entries like "Immoral" offer insight into actors with disabilities, while "Writers Matter" documents the significance of self-expression in inner-city schools. "Extra School" promises wit in its mischievous portrayal of life as a background actor. "Virtual Revolution" features a beautiful sci-fi backdrop that is convincingly big budget.

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Don't let the temperatures in Philly fool you; the holiday season is just around the corner, while over at Franklin Square, it's already begun. Yes, it's not even Thanksgiving yet, but everyone could really use a little extra cheer.

This week marks the return of their annual Holiday Festival featuring the Electrical Spectacle Holiday Light Show. Utilizing over 50,000 LED lights, the display, which features a 12-foot-tall kite along with a 6-foot key symbolizing Ben Franklin's famous kite experiment comes alive with a soundtrack of seasonal favorites including "The Nutcracker Suite," "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy" and "Carol of the Bells." If you listen closely, many of the songs are performed by our beloved Philly Pops.

In addition to the show, visitors to the square can look forward to a variety of holiday-themed events and entertainment perfect for the entire family:

Ben's Sweets & Treats: A new addition this year, check out their heated tent of luscious desserts such as homemade fudge, fresh donuts, holiday cookies and yes, gingerbread houses.

Winter Beer Garden: Also new to the fest, expect a flurry of outdoor fire pits, cocktails and of course, craft beer from the mixologists at Cooperage.

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Santa Saturdays: Saint Nick will be stopping by to offer valuable face time so you and your puppies can explain why there shouldn't be coal in your stocking.

Seasonal Sounds on Sundays: You're sure to be humming along to a collection of choirs, bands and sing-a-longs to keep you entertained during select Electrical Spectacle intermissions.

FranklinSquareFridays: Fridays will be home to themed adventure nights that will provide a chance to meet and greet characters from "Frozen," "The Nutcracker" and "Star Wars." And new this year will be a Hanukkah celebration with dreidel games and latkes!

Santa playing mini golf
JOANNA TRUTT

Speaking of food, SquareBurger will be open for the first time throughout the Holiday Festival and will serve up their seasonal delights, Candy Cane Shake, Holiday Turkey Burger as well as chicken noodle soup, mac and cheese and fried Oreos. Yum!

It all begins with their opening night event, Taste of the Holiday Season, on Thursday, Nov. 10 starting at 5 p.m. Let there be light!

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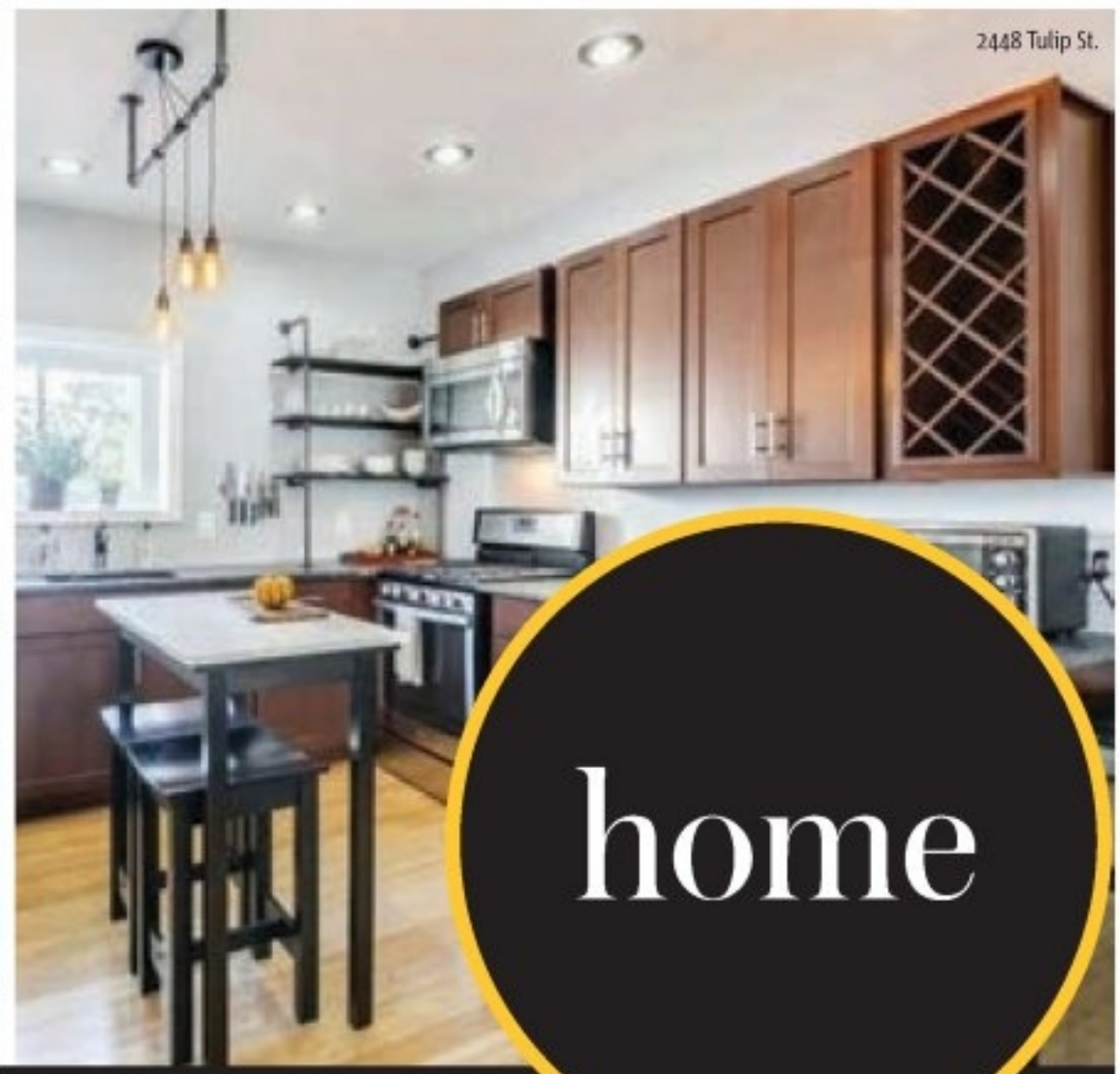

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LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE

Inside Look: 2 Fishtown digs we love

Your weekly dose of #RealEstatePorn.

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Fishtown real estate is hot. In fact, the trendy neighborhood was named Philadelphia's most competitive market for homebuyers in 2015 by Redfin, a residential real estate company. Surrounded by farm-to-table restaurants and coffee shops, homes in Fishtown spend a scant 23 days on the market before they're sold.

These two Fishtown spots were just recently listed on Zillow, and we think you'll find them … off the hook.

2206 E. Cumberland St.

Backyards are rare, but a front spot of grassy space is a real gem in this city. Relax under your covered porch admiring the garden and watching passers-by, or keep the kids and dog safe while still getting some vitamin D in the summer.

This $300,000, three bedroom, one-and-a-half bathroom house hasn't gone the way of current architectural trends of sleek, nearly ascetic simplicity. Instead, you'll find inviting details, like the hardwood floors and exposed brick, sliding pocket doors and a hand-crafted steel banister on the steps.

But it doesn't skimp on the modern amenities: The kitchen features stainless-steel appliances and a garbage disposal, and out back, there's a custom pergola and build-in stainless-steel gas grill, sink and concrete countertop prep area.

The master bath is like a personal spa, with radiant heat tile floors and his and hers closets.

Not like you'd want to, but if you ever had to leave, this home is conveniently located near Fishtown's restaurants, bars and outdoor spaces, and a quick drive to Interstate 95.

2448 Tulip St.

Two words: rooftop deck.

Yes, this two-bed, one-bath home has the ultimate in real-estate space. In addition to the backyard, which according to the Realtor could get even bigger, the lucky homeowner can kick back on their rooftop spot and take in the Center City skyline.

On the market for $249,000, this townhouse features all the charming details a homeowner would love to have: spacious bedrooms and closet space, recessed and pendant lighting, subway tile walls, honeycomb tile floors, stainless-steel appliances and leathered granite countertops.

Plus, Fishtown faves Loco Pez, Memphis Taproom, Pizza Brain and Greensgrow Farms are all within walking distance.

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How to assemble the perfect cheese platter this holiday season

"Great Food Truck Race" winners the "Cheese Twins" share their secrets to holiday entertaining.

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Charlie and Michael Kalish, aka the "Cheese Twins," are a cheese-and-wine power couple.

The 34-year-old gourmands grew up near Sonoma County, California, where they worked in vineyards and cheese shops, but pursued different paths to cheese connoisseurdom.

After college, Michael, who started out working in commercial beekeeping, got an opportunity to study cheesemaking in France for three months. Then he "missed his flight" home and stayed for four years, learning the trade throughout Europe. Meanwhile, Charlie, at the time an aspiring English professor on a Fulbright scholarship studying the playwright Henrik Ibsen in Norway, ended up joining Michael in France, where he was managing an underground cheese-aging facility.

Since joining forces, the identical twins have gone on to become finalists on "Chopped" and even win Season 7 of "The Great Food Truck Race." Now, the California-based twosome travel around the country tasting and talking cheese and wine. Not a bad gig.

The Kalishes, brand ambassadors of Meiomi wines, stopped by our offices with vino and a bevy of artisanal cheeses to show us the secrets to holiday entertaining.

Presentation

For cheese laymen like you and me, "serving" a cheese plate at a gathering consists of unwrapping the cheeses and placing them on a cheese board with a knife, so that everyone can help themselves.

But doing it that way, Michael says, often leads to a sticky mess.

Instead, make your cheese party mobile by creating cheese "vehicles," as the Kalishes call them. For example, spread blue cheese on a fig or a cracker which folks can "grab and go."It encourages mingling — and eliminates the mess.

Must have tool: the cheese harp

Despite its name, a cheese harp is not something you play to serenade your guests. It's a practical tool that saves you the mess of slicing through a wedge of crumbly blue cheese that falls apart, or a creamy goat that mucks up your knife.

A cheese harp has a thin, stainless-steel wire allowing for a clean, precise slice-through.

Typically, if you put out a cheese round with a knife, guests will scoop out the insides until there's nothing left but the rind. "It gets really ugly, fast," Charlie says. Instead, use the cheese harp to slice the round into 'pizza slices' for your guests to pull away.

What to serve

The standard quantity is an ounce per person if you're doing up to four cheeses. Three different kinds of cheeses is plenty. If you want to dazzle a crowd, go with six. Anything above that, people forget and it becomes "just cheese on a plate," they say.

Aim for variety. According to the Twins, there are roughly six cheese families: fresh cheese (queso fresco or a farmer's cheese), soft ripened cheeses (Camembert), goat or sheep's milk cheeses, washed-rind cheeses with more funk, alpine hard cheeses and blue cheeses.

The key is to arrange the cheeses from mild to bold. The stronger flavored cheese will linger in your mouth, and you don't want it to dominate.

Play with wine and cheese pairings

For the Kalishes, a go-to pairing is a Meiomi Chardonnay with a fudgy, luscious St. Stephen triple cream from Four Fat Fowl creamery (located upstate). The acidity of the wine's green-apple notes cuts through the rich, buttery texture of the cheese.

On the red side, they'll do the Meiomi Pinot Noir, a party-pleasing, jammy red, with a nutty, earthy cheese, like the Manchester, a rustic goat cheese tome from Vermont's Bardwell Farm.

But it's up to you to experiment and see what matches you like.

"We're identical twins, and we're cheese experts, and we have roughly the same history and yet we still have different preferences," they say. "The cheese world is trying to fight [their reputation] of being snobby. We don't see it as snobby. Whatever works, works."

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NFL power rankings | by Luke Miller

No. 1

Patriots (7-1)

No bye week will threaten the Patriots' hold on the top spot, but a visit from the Seahawks this Sunday night might. The two teams meet for the first time since the 2014 Super Bowl. At least the Pats won't have to consider the threat of Marshawn up the middle.

No. 2

Cowboys (7-1)

Jerry Jones has said Tony Romo could be ready to go in Pittsburgh this week. Dak Prescott's play has insured that if Romo is ready to play, he's really ready to play. The Cowboys have rushed him back far too often and too early in the past. He provides insurance in case Prescott starts playing like a rookie.

No. 3

Raiders (7-2)

Yes, Oakland's losses are to the Chiefs and Falcons, and maybe this ranking is unfair. But the Raiders have been making statements since their loss to Kansas City. After 23 penalties almost cost them a game in which they thoroughly outclassed Tampa Bay, they committed less Sunday than Denver.

No. 4

Chiefs (6-2)

No Alex Smith, no Jamaal Charles, no Spencer Ware, no Jeremy Maclin, no Travis Kelce, no problem. That's a starting offense, minus the line, and it wasn't on the field for Kansas City on Sunday. And they still won. This team knows how to do that, make no mistake.

No. 5

Seahawks (5-2-1)

It's not just kickers Richard Sherman was taking out with zero qualms Monday, but hits on receivers are legal once the quarterback scrambles out of the pocket. It was good timing for Seattle's first win in three weeks, as they may meet their match when it comes to exploiting the rulebook in New England.

No. 6

Falcons (6-3)

With their win against Tampa Bay coming on a Thursday, the Falcons should be well-rested when they face the Eagles this week. They're catching their fellow Birds at the right time. The Eagles have won just one of their last five, and faced three straight opponents coming off byes.

No. 7

Broncos (6-3)

Yes, Denver's defense let Oakland set the tempo with the run game Sunday night, racking up over 200 yards on the ground. But it's a two way street, and Denver couldn't muster 40 rushing yards against the NFL's 21st ranked run defense. The offense is a problem in the Mile High City.

No. 8

Texans (5-3)

The Texans look for their first road win in about the best situation possible — in Jacksonville against the last place team in their division, who have just lost four straight. If Houston wants to put it all together and establish itself as a top 10 team and the leader in their division, this is a game it can't lose.

No. 9

Vikings (6-3)

Norv Turner exiting the building didn't solve any problems for the Vikings, who dropped their third straight. It's hard to fault a defense that only let Matthew Stafford get to 16. But that sure didn't look like the secondary we've come to expect on Golden Tate's catch-and-run game winner.

No. 10

Giants (5-3)

The game against the Eagles was a reversal of Odell Beckham Jr.'s season thus far: The yards weren't aplenty, but the touchdowns piled up. That's a trade I'm sure the Giants would take. Going forward, they have to feel good they're the only team to beat the Cowboys this season.

Best of the rest

11 — Lions (5-4)
12 — Chargers (4-5)
13 — Packers (4-4)
14 — Steelers (4-4)
15 — Colts (4-5)
16 — Dolphins (4-4)
17 — Bills (4-5)
18 — Cardinals (3-4-1)
19 — Washington (4-3-1)
20 — Eagles (4-4)
21 — Saints (4-4)
22 — Bengals (3-4-1)
23 — Ravens (4-4)
24 — Panthers (3-5)

Who should start at RB for Birds?

The Eagles traded DeMarco Murray to the Titans during the offseason opening up a spot on the roster for a starting running back.

Murray's 807 rushing yards in Tennessee are second only to Ezekiel Elliott so far this season. But add up the Eagles total rushing yards — split between their four running backs and you get 811 yards. The only problem is they really don't have a clear No. 1. And that their combined rushing attack put them statistically in the bottom third of NFL teams.

Ryan Mathews got the lion's share of carries to start the season, but a variety of minor injuries limited his availability. Sunday, in a loss to the Giants, Mathews had just two carries, with Darren Sproles assuming the role of featured back and Kenjon Barner and Wendell Smallwood mixing in for good measure.

"Obviously, Sproles, we've given him the ball the last couple of games," Eagles head coach Doug Pederson said of Sproles and his 13 carries. "Wendell, obviously, and Kenjon are special teams players who have those backup roles on offense. And a lot of times, you know, the temptation, I guess, is, yeah, you definitely want to see your young players perform and put them in those situations and see what they can do. And hopefully now this second half of the season, we'll get a chance to do that a little bit more."

Darren Sproles GETTY IMAGES

The younger players, Smallwood and Barner average a respectable 4.4 and 5.2 yards per carry, respectively, on limited carries — though Smallwood coughed up a key fumble in a loss a few weeks ago. Barner has two touchdowns.

Sproles, who is 33-years-old, looks to be the No. 1. And his versatility makes it tough for defenses to contend with his value to the passing game.

"By stats and by what you're seeing, I would say that Darren is the No. 1 back right now," the coach said.

If you combine Sproles' rush and receiving yards you get an Eagles-leading 526 yards from scrimmage.

"We haven't hung our hat on one guy, but we tend to lean more towards Darren Sproles," Pederson said. "It's hard to take him off the field right now."

With so much mileage on Sproles' odometer, it will be interesting to see if he continues to be on the field for 80 percent of the Eagles' offensive snaps, as he did in Sundays' 28-23 loss in New York.

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KONECNY MEETS THE FANS, DOESN'T LIKE CORNHOLE

Keeping up with Konecny
By Kyle Phillippi

A little girl walked up to the mystery bag station with her mother, hoping to find something good in the orange and black duffle bags stuffed with everything from T-shirts to remote control covers to the rare signed pucks.

That's when the little girl stepped up to the table, only to see rookie sensation Travis Konecny greeting her with a bag in his hand. The two conversed. Konecny complemented her Flyers attire while the girl told the 19-year-old that he looked like Brayden Schenn.

"That's not a bad thing," Konecny quickly replied.

It was a brief interaction at the Flyers Wives Carnival on Sunday, but one that neither he, she nor the mother will forget.

"I enjoyed every station," Konecny said afterwards. "I was having a blast, laughing and interacting with everybody."

The 40th installment of the carnival was the first for the young forward. He spent the day bouncing around the Wells Fargo Center. He began his day playing washers on the mezzanine level at 1:30 before embarking on an autograph session followed by a photo booth. When he went up to the club box that was hosting his photo session, as soon as he stepped in, he was overwhelmed with a long line of fans, leading him to exclaim, "Wow, all of these people are here for me?"

He finished his day up with a few games of cornhole, a quilt raffle station and the mystery bag table up until the event's closing at 5:30 p.m.

Konecny says his favorite game was washers, more so because he couldn't "figure out the sand bag one [cornhole]."

Corinne Nimey, a 26-year-old lifelong Flyers fan in attendance, was one of Konecny's competitors in washers. She was taken aback by how friendly and outgoing he was. Even better, it was Nimey's birthday so Konecny was all for taking some birthday selfies. As the two went back and forth playing washers, Konecny encouraged his competitor with each shot, yelling "get in there" with each of her throws.

While Nimey was caught off guard with how social Konecny was, the same could be said for Konecny, who couldn't believe how much support he was shown.

"That was something crazy, it was pretty cool to see the atmosphere in there," Konecny said. "It's good to know that the fans are diehard.

"Getting to see them in person and to meet them and you can actually tell it's real, it's not just a show they're putting on [at games]."

The 19-year-old has been quite busy with the rigors of the first few months of his debut in the NHL. Having an entire day off to spend with the fans, perhaps, couldn't have come at a better time. Konecny says it was nice to just shut the body down and relax for a change while hanging out with the people he always hears cheering him and his teammates on.

"It's good to see some familiar faces around the fans so when they come up and talk to you, you can kind of put a face to someone," Konecny said.

Travis Konecny has never been shy to dish out a big hit on the boards. GETTY IMAGES

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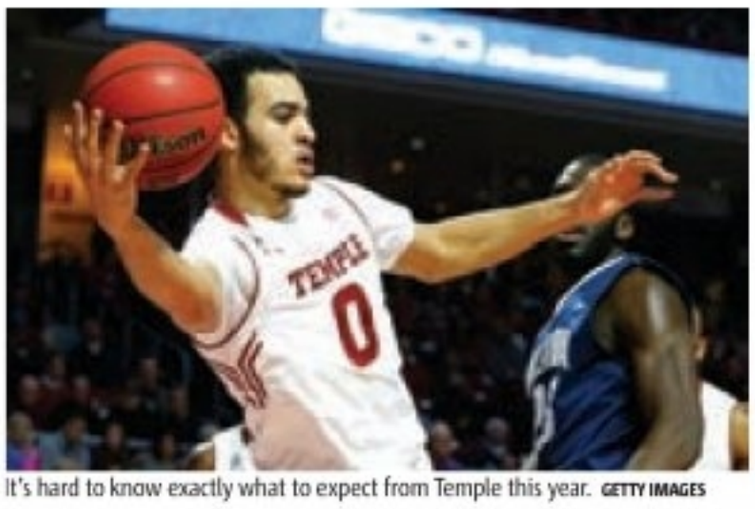
Dunphy: 'I'm not really sure where we are or who we are'

The Temple Owls' (21-12, 14-4) 2015-16 season ended in devastating heartbreak for the American Conference champions nearly eight months ago in the NCAA Tournament. Playing the underdogs as the 10th seed against the seventh-seeded Iowa Hawkeyes (22-11, 12-6), a controversial push-off and tip-in underneath the basket in overtime handed the Owls a 72-70 loss at the Barclays Center.

The Owls missed out on a rematch against the eventual national champions, Villanova Wildcats, who they were set to play in the second round of the tournament had they beaten the Hawkeyes.

Since then, news has not been good to the Owls. Guard Trey Lowe, who had a promising freshman season with the Owls, is set to miss the entire 2016-17 campaign while recovering from injuries he sustained in a one-car accident he had back on March 1.



It's hard to know exactly what to expect from Temple this year. GETTY IMAGES

Senior Josh Brown, the team's starting point guard, suffered an Achilles injury in May that could sideline him for the entire season as well. Brown averaged 8.3 points and 4.9 assists per game last season for the Owls. His 161 assists to 46 turnovers last season, ranked eighth in the country.

"The window is definitely not shut," Brown said of his chances to play this season. "Like I said before, I'm working hard every day and trying to see what happens."

While the Owls wait on Brown's status, they'll also have to figure out how to replace both the scoring and rebounding prowess of Quenton Decosey (15.9 points, 6.0 rebounds), Jaylen Bond (10.3 points, 8.5 rebounds) and Devin Coleman (9.3 points) who all graduated in May.

"The team is interesting at this point," Temple coach Fran Dunphy said. "I'm not really sure where we are or who we are."

The Owls are returning two starters in junior forward Obi Enechionyia (11.0 points, 3.8 rebounds) and redshirt senior guard Daniel Dingle (4.4 points, 2.8 rebounds).

Sophomore guard Levan Alston, freshman forward Quinton Rose and senior forward Mark Williams are expected to fill out the rest of the starting lineup when the season begins on Friday against La Salle.

"It's a great challenge," Dunphy said of La Salle. "Our guys are looking forward to it. We've had a couple scrimmages. By the time we play [La Salle] we'll know pretty much who we are, but we'll have to execute on Friday night."

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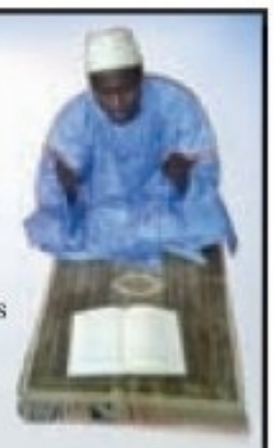

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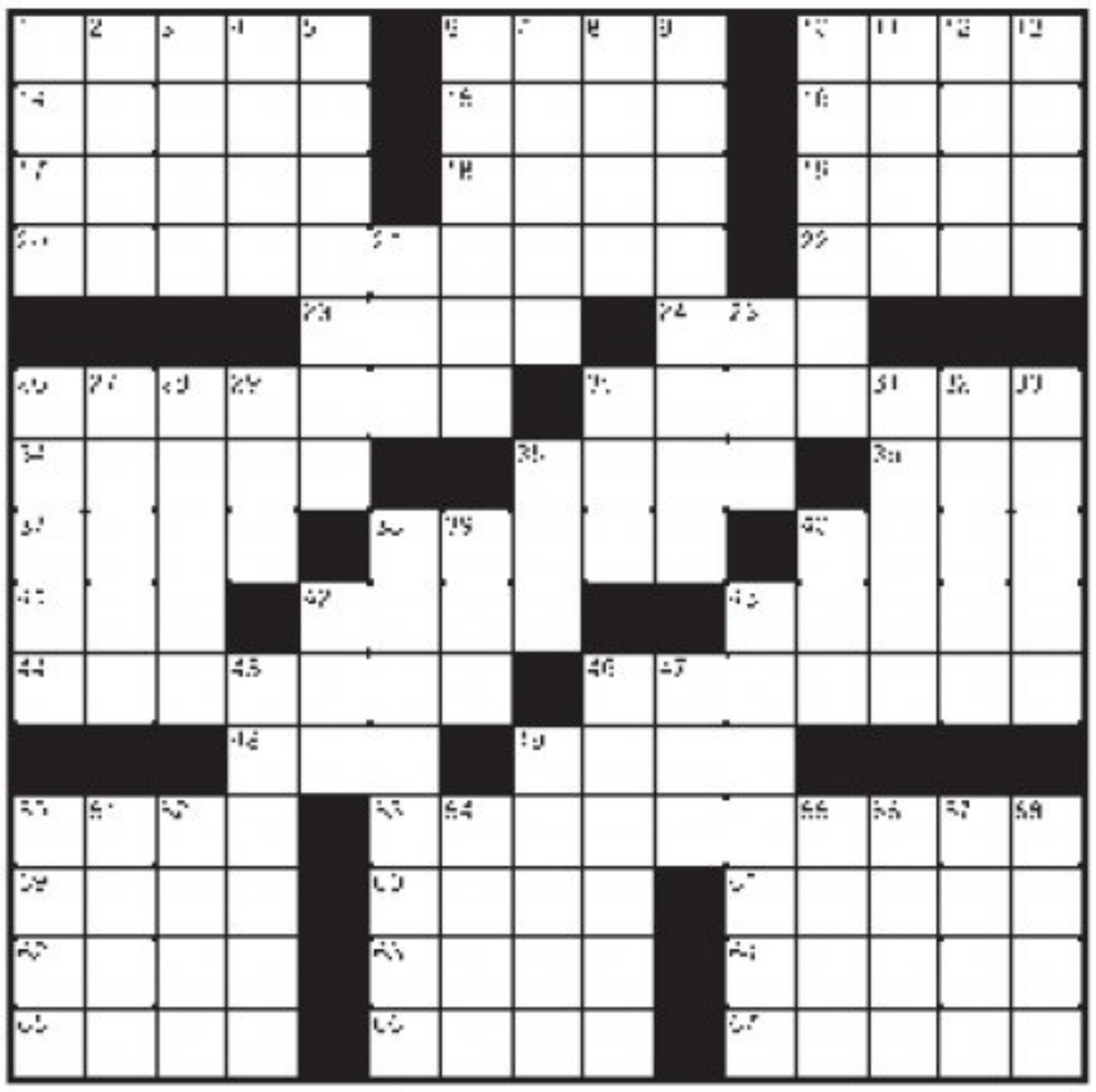

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Gemini You need to take a breather. Give yourself a chance to discover what you want instead of following someone else's plan. Explore and broaden your horizons.

Cancer Share your thoughts. The more you engage in group efforts or one-on-one talks with someone you respect, the better equipped you will be to thrive.

Leo Getting involved in activities that allow you to show your strength and will change the way others view you. Opportunity will result if you meet with former colleagues.

Virgo A change at home may disgruntle you, but in the end, it will turn out in your favor. Patience, understanding and resolve will help you overcome a dilemma.

Libra Reach out to older friends or relatives. What you have to offer will be well received, and the wisdom and experience you gain in turn will be helpful.

Scorpio Your insight and experience will help you avoid being taken advantage of. Size up your situation and make your next move with confidence.

Sagittarius Keep a low profile, and, most of all, avoid an emotional confrontation that could leave you in a vulnerable position. Hard work will be your saving grace.

Capricorn If you change things up a bit, you will find your niche. Let your creativity flow and your intuition lead the way in order to avoid wasting time.

Aquarius Look for alternatives if things aren't going your way. Live and learn, and proceed to your next endeavor. Don't let the past hold you back.

Pisces Don't limit what you can accomplish just because you are afraid of a challenge. Use your intuition and make reasonable choices. Protect your wealth. EUGENIA LAST

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